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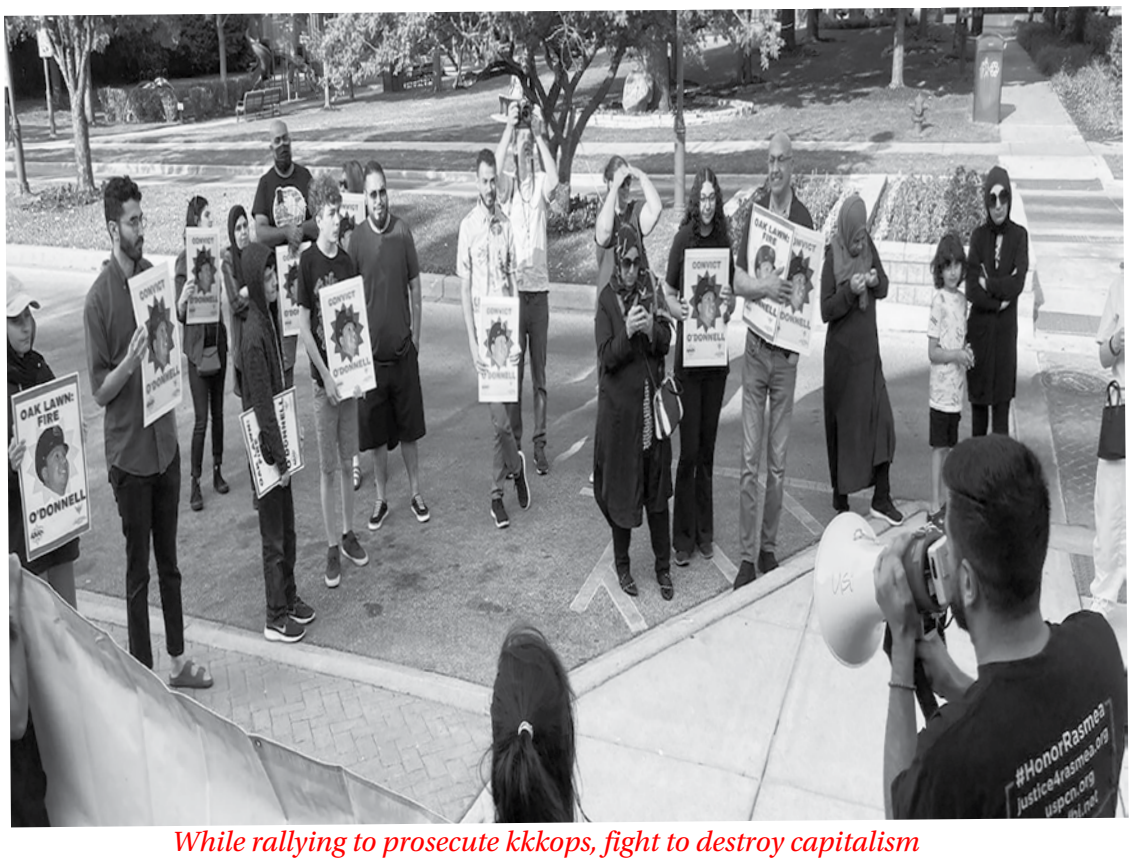

While rallying to prosecute kkkops, fight to destroy capitalism

OAK LAWN, ILLINOIS, June 7 – The international communist Progressive Labor Party (PLP) once again joined forces with several community organizations tonight to protest at the monthly Oak Lawn Police & Fire Board meeting. We are keeping firm in our demand that the three KKKops who beat Arab teenager Hadi Abuatelah be fired and prosecuted for their vicious assault which resulted in his hospitalization and lingering trauma. One kkkop, Patrick O'Donnell, has been indicted, but we demand all three be fired and prosecuted for this racist attack.

Under capitalism, racist kkkops are the rule, not the exception. Their role within class society is to harass and intimidate, especially Black and brown workers and youth. They also are tasked with protecting the bosses' private property. In order to get rid of the police, we must destroy the capitalist system that profits by keeping workers oppressed through unemployment, low wages, and systemic racism and sexism. We need to build a multiracial, revolutionary movement that fights for communism, a worker's state. And to do all this, we need a mass PLP!

Justice for Hadi, justice for all workers

We are nearing the one-year anniversary of Hadi's beating (see CHALLENGE, 8/5/22). At the last board meeting, protesters marched out when antiracist fighters were kicked out by the kkkops. We chanted loudly that we will continue fighting for justice and expose the cozy relationship between the Police Board and the kkkops. Many community members related stories of how the Oak Lawn kkkops have for years targeted Arab workers in the area, particularly workers and families from Palestine.

At the end of the rally, a comrade grabbed the attention of more than thirty protesters with a rousing speech. He linked the mass antiracist movement sparked by the police murder of George Floyd with the current struggle for justice in Oak Lawn. He said capitalism and racist kkkops go together, and that's why we need a communist revolution. Everyone was invited to the upcoming PLP summer activities, and several people gave us their contact information to follow-up.

We are pushing to remain consistent in our efforts to fight for justice for Hadi and all other victims of racist police terror and capitalist oppression. We are also working to connect with other plans to protest outside the courthouse where child assaulter O'Donnell is facing charges. With every action that we take part in, we are fighting to win more workers and youth to the need to build the communist movement that connects all these struggles to capitalism and the need to destroy this rotten profit system!✪

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OUR FIGHT

✰Progressive Labor Party (PLP) fights to destroy capitalism and the dictatorship of the capitalist class. We organize workers, soldiers and youth into a revolutionary movement for communism.

✰The dictatorship of the working class — communism—can provide a lasting solution to the disaster that is today's world for billions of people. This cannot be done through electoral politics, but requires a revolutionary movement and a mass Red Army led by PLP.

✰Worldwide capitalism, in its relentless drive for profit, inevitably leads to war, fascism, poverty, disease, starvation and environmental destruction. The capitalist class, through its state power — governments, armies, police, schools and culture — maintains a dictatorship over the world's workers. The capitalist dictatorship supports, and is supported by, the anti-working-class ideologies of racism, sexism, nationalism, individualism and religion.

✰While the bosses and their mouthpieces claim "communism is dead," capitalism is the real failure for billions worldwide. Capitalism returned to Russia and China because socialism retained many aspects of the profit system, like wages and privileges. Russia and China did not establish communism.

✰Communism means working collectively to build a worker-run society. We will abolish work for wages, money and profits. While capitalism needs unemployment, communism needs everyone to contribute and share in society's benefits and burdens.

✰Communism means abolishing racism and the concept of "race." Capitalism uses racism to super-exploit Black, Latin, Asian and indigenous workers, and to divide the entire working class.

✰Communism means abolishing the special oppression of women— sexism—and divisive gender roles created by the class society.

✰Communism means abolishing nations and nationalism. One international working class, one world, one Party.

✰Communism means that the minds of millions of workers must become free from religion's false promises, unscientific thinking and poisonous ideology. Communism will triumph when the masses of workers can use the science of dialectical materialism to understand, analyze and change the world to meet their needs and aspirations.

✰Communism means the Party leads every aspect of society. For this to work, millions of workers — eventually everyone — must become communist organizers. Join Us!

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Editorial

Canada wildfires

Capitalism: the firestarter behind climate disaster

Toxic air plagued much of the U.S. in early June as wildfires raged throughout Canada. On June 6, New York City experienced the worst pollution on record, beyond the "emergency" level set by the Environmental Protection Agency and nearly four times the level considered "unhealthy.". Hypocritical calls by liberal misleaders like New York Mayor Eric Adams, to "stay home if you can'' were too little too late, as smoke darkened orange-hued skies. Most workers couldn't heed Adams' call, since no work means no pay–and the capitalist bosses weren't about to lose profits to protect workers. Black and Latin workers in the poorest neighborhoods suffered the most as the choking air caused emergency room visits to soar, especially for those with asthma and other respiratory illnesses (Gothamist, 6/12). The dirty air crisis piled on the already poisonous effects of living under capitalism.

While wildfire smoke is unusual for New York, breathing toxic air is the everyday norm for much of the world's working class. South Asia has nine of the world's ten cities with the worst air and "persistently hazardous" pollution that causes an estimated two million premature deaths a year" (New York Times,, 6/15). Capitalism wreaks devastation on the working class every day. From non-stop deforestation in the Amazon rainforest to the proposed bulldozing of a forest in Atlanta to build a $90 million facility to train more killer kkkops, the rulers keep spreading the horrors of their toxic system. We cannot rely on a ruling class that kills us daily. We can't trust our children's future to the profit-mad monsters who caused climate change in the first place. Only communism, a system run to serve workers" needs, not the profit of a few, can change the conditions that lead to so much death and disease for the international working class!

Capitalist drive for profits = wildfires

"Wildfires" aren't the natural disasters that the term might imply. Although lightning was the primary cause of the recent Canadian conflagrations, many of the burning trees were not in natural forests. Much of the devastated acreage was in industrial tree farms. Timber companies cut down forests that had been there for hundreds of years to "make space for commercial tree varieties and eliminate competition"(Earth Island Journal, 4/8/19). As usual, the drive for maximum profits led to the planting of profitable but "less fire-tolerant tree species, [making] it easier for fires to spread" (BBC, 6/12). Rising temperatures worldwide due to the burning of fossil fuels lead to drier conditions, making wildfires more frequent and intense...which in turn release more carbon into the atmosphere and cause even more global warming.

Protecting the health of the environment and humanity will never be society's goal until capitalism is destroyed. Under communism, there would be no need to put workers' lives in such danger. Without money and the drive for profit, all decisions–including environmental decisions–made would be based on the needs of the international working class.

Environmental racism is part of life under capitalism

The smoke that blanketed New York didn't spare wealthy neighborhoods. But like most environmental disasters, the most exploited workers in already neglected neighborhoods are hurt the most. The harm from smoke comes from tiny solid and liquid particles that are inhaled and trigger respiratory illnesses or worsen existing conditions. With already higher-than-average asthma rates, Black and Latin workers are among the most vulnerable to the hazardous impacts of the smoke. This, too, is not a natural occurrence.

Racist segregation, a criminal abomination created by the capitalist ruling class, has forced Black and Latin workers to live in neighborhoods cut through by highways and packed with industrial plants. "[B]lack and Hispanic communities in the U.S. are exposed to far more air pollution" and "neighborhoods once shaped by discriminatory housing policies…have more pavement, fewer trees and higher average temperatures — a combination that can lead to deadly heat illness" (Washington Post, June 2020).

During the wildfire crisis, the highest rates of emergency room visits related to asthma were in these areas (Gizmodo, 6/16). Historically Black and Latin neighborhoods–such as New York's South Bronx, nicknamed "Asthma Alley"– have the highest rates of death and disease from asthma in the country. In New York, 80 percent of the people hospitalized with asthma are Black and Latin workers (Columbia University). Capitalism was already killing these workers! This smoke only made things worse.

Capitalism won't solve climate change

Liberal misleaders like Adams and President Joe Biden would have us think that climate change denial is a new phenomenon pushed by a conservative fringe. But it was oil giant ExxonMobil, a bulwark of mainstream finance capital, that hired the scientists in the 1970s who found that fossil fuels were dangerous, and then paid them to hide their findings and misinform the public. They "were conscious that their products wouldn't stay profitable once the world understood the risks" (Scientific American, 10/26/15).

With Canada in the spotlight, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's hypocrisy stands out. In June 2019, Canada declared a national climate emergency. "The next day, it approved the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion… to move almost 600,000 barrels of oil per day from Alberta to the port of Burnaby" (mronline.org, 6/23). The bosses' promises at United Nations climate conferences to cut carbon dioxide emissions mean next to nothing.

As oil profits soar, in large part due to the war in Ukraine, trillions of dollars are being invested worldwide in fossil fuel infrastructure (NYT, 4/6). These plans are making a mockery of the UN's goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, never mind their members' "commitment" at the Paris Agreement in 2015. "Temperature rises over 2 degrees could bring catastrophic and potentially irreversible impacts, including pushing three billion people into chronic water scarcity" (CNN, 1/30). As the world's imperialist superpowers ramp up to the next world war, they will keep doing whatever it takes to protect their profits and power.

Under Biden, laughably called the "first climate president," oil production has increased to record levels. In March, "the Biden administration approved a massive drilling project in Alaska that could generate the same carbon emissions each year as adding two million gas-powered cars to the roads" (Smithsonian Magazine, 3/22). This Willow Project praised by oil execs is supposed to "secure energy independence" from Russia–the capitalists' code for sharpening inter-imperialist rivalry.

The liberal bosses calling for the Green New Deal, the U.S. Inflation Reduction Act, or other UN climate goals continue to pose them as solutions to the capitalist-created climate crisis. But global bosses have no real plan to "save the planet."". Their master plan is to prepare for world war. As of 2019, the U.S. military was "the largest single source of greenhouse gas emissions in the world" (The Guardian, 11/21). Capitalism can never combat climate change.

Burn down capitalism with communist revolution

Communism is the only system that can! In a system run by and for the working class, the profit-driven causes of climate change will wither away. Unfortunately, the damage caused by capitalism won't be undone overnight. But we will reorganize the way we work and the way we power our world. We will organize to protect the working class by moving workers away from vulnerable coastlines, increasing green spaces, and converting to clean energy sources. When "natural" disasters strike, our priority will be to save and protect lives. Join Progressive Labor Party and organize for communist revolution to build that world!✪

Riot Fe$t is a community destroyer

Fight for communism where land will be collectively owned and enjoyed by all workers.

CHICAGO, June 14 – Today dozens of workers and youth flooded the monthly Chicago Park District (CPD) board meeting in anticipation of the board's decision on whether for-profit "megafests" would continue to be allowed in city parks. Unsurprisingly, the city bosses voted unanimously to permit the rock carnival Riot Fest to take over Douglass Park in the majority Black and Latin neighborhood of Lawndale yet again this September.

The crowd inside the board meeting included both those in favor and opposed to Riot Fest. Threatened with likely the sharpest resistance in the eight years since they moved to Douglass Park, the Riot Fest bosses and their paid cronies pulled out all the stops. They mobilized workers through racist and predatory lies about how the festival will benefit them materially, when in fact under capitalism it's only the bosses who profit.

The communist Progressive Labor Party (PLP) has been active in the grassroots efforts to expel for-profit megafests, connecting with a multiracial core of community members in struggle. Throughout this bold fight, many important lessons are being learned – the message PLP fights for is that it will ultimately require a worker-run communist society to guarantee that public spaces truly belong to the working class!

Workers fight megafests head on

Since first coming to Douglass Park in 2015, the annual presence of Riot Fest has been a major point of contention for many workers in the neighborhood. Over the course of a three-day weekend, typical crowds average some 50,000 concert goers a day in what is mainly a residential area that also borders two safety-net hospitals.

Including set-up and take down, Riot Fest essentially blocks off access to one of the largest public parks in Chicago to countless workers and youth for weeks at a time. Youth lose access to recreational spaces, wildlife and plants are trampled, and transport and parking become a nightmare for those living and working in the area. With all this considered, it's no surprise that workers organized to kick Riot Fest out of nearby Humboldt Park before the concert bosses switched gears to invade Douglass!

Thankfully, workers in Lawndale haven't been willing to lay down for profit-hungry megafests without a fight either. They have gone door-knocking to reach other workers to gather over two thousand signatures opposing megafests, in addition to organizing social events, press conferences, park clean-up days, and public art. Many testimonies have been given at CPD board meetings and other public forums expressing in personal ways how the megafests are a detriment to working-class health.

On account of these efforts, two other megafests decided not to return for this summer. But Riot Fest stubbornly holds on, with its eye on the millions of dollars in profit to be made at our expense. In the lead-up to today's vote, they have tried to rehabilitate their image to the role of "community builder" and "job creator," but workers have seen through the lies. One contractor infamously insulted workers during a "community" meeting by suggesting they should learn English (Chicago Reader, 8/4/22). Another public forum in April fell apart after concert organizers again belittled workers present (Block Club, 4/7).

Liberal city bosses will always fail workers

All this considered, the atmosphere inside the board meeting was charged. Most couldn't even get into the room where the permit vote was being decided and remained outside in the lobby where there were open confrontations. Most disgusting was the division sowed by Lawndale alderwoman Monique Scott who implied that all those organizing against Riot Fest were white and that it was "anti-Black" to oppose the concert.

A slideshow presentation of lofty promises was rolled out by Riot Fest of supposed benefits and agreements to the neighborhoodz. These promises have little to zero accountability attached to them and will likely never come to pass. But it provided enough cover of a "process" for CPD to give the approval.

It was apparent that the Board had no real intention of denying the permit, and just wanted to give the illusion of a "democratic" process when in fact it was already a done deal. There shouldn't be anything more expected when it comes to pro-capitalist institutions–they exist to uphold and facilitate profit-making for the bosses. This will continue to be the case until there is a mass working-class movement and communist party such as PLP to finally seizes power from these bosses.

Keep marching forward

Another year of Riot Fest is a setback, but this struggle is far from over. Many valuable lessons have been learned that we will carry with us to fight smarter and recruit more workers to the cause. The course of history is never linear; there are always advances and retreats. Like the communists in China once said: Dare to struggle, dare to win!

Racist NYC Schools contract prove need for workers' power

NEW YORK CITY, June 16—"Worker unity is stronger than any law!" This was one Progressive Labor Party (PLP) member's message during a recent UFT (United Federation of Teachers) town hall about Union misleader Michael Mulgrew and KKKop-Mayor Eric Adams' new tentative agreement (TA) contract for UFT members. A group of comrades joined other education workers to sharpen the criticism of the contract proposal and make plans to fight back. Capitalist education will never meet the needs of working-class educators or students. It is designed to train young people to be exploited in the workforce or serve as cannon fodder in the next imperialist war.

Instead of seeing ourselves as pawns in the bosses' profit game, imagine a mobilized working class confronting the city bosses and demanding what we need. Instead of waiting for the union to negotiate our demands away, we could be building a revolutionary movement to wrest power away from the bosses ourselves. A hundred thousand working-class educators, over a million working-class students, and add their working-class families: WE ARE MIGHTY!

Union misleaders are class collaborators: "Fair Deals" impossible under capitalism

While UFT leadership is trying to pressure workers to vote yes on the proposal, dangling so-called "raises" and "bonuses" in our faces and threatening the possibility of an even worse deal if we don't go along for the ride, we must be clear on the truth: The contract proposal is nothing other than a viciously racist attack on educators, students, and their families. It does nothing to address the recent underhanded assault on workers' healthcare (see box) or the overcrowded classrooms, woefully inadequate mental health services, and rampant racist segregation that systematically deprive primarily Black and Latin students. Instead, it serves to further divide teachers and families and placate education workers into accepting a raw deal.

Throughout the nearly year-long contract struggle, UFT leaders have exposed themselves as lying, racist,

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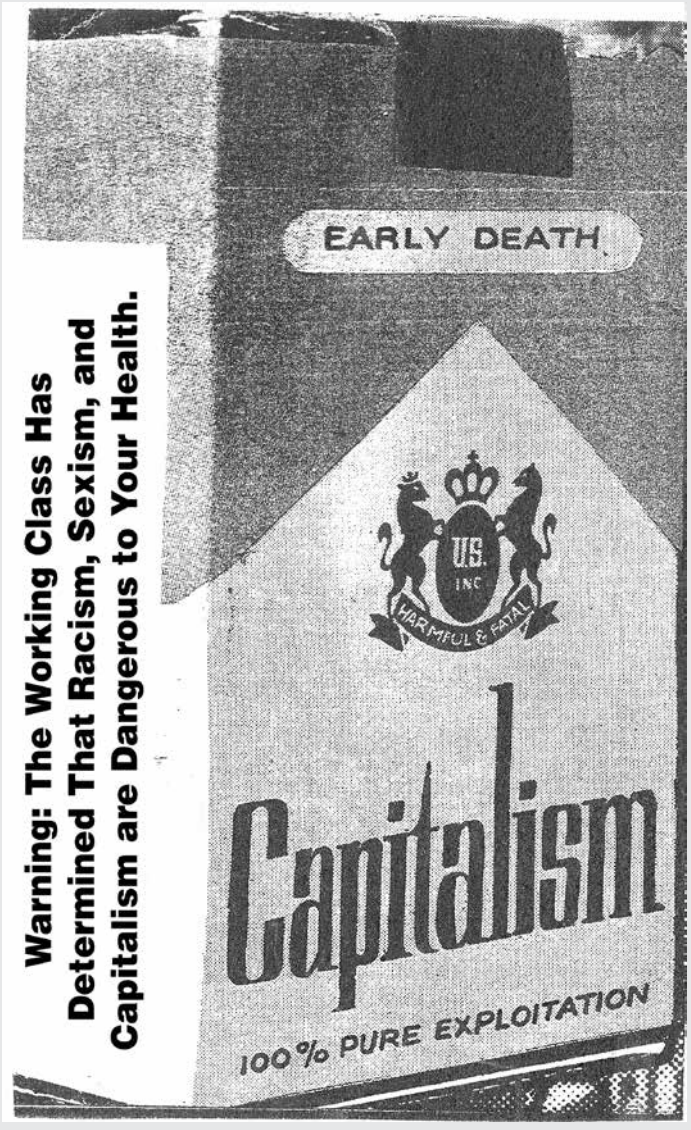
Labor misleaders sellout NYC workers

In 2018, the New York City Municipal Labor Committee (MLC)—a coalition of labor unions representing some 390,000 city workers—made an unprecedented backroom deal that assaulted workers' health care. The leadership of the unions in the MLC collectively agreed (without any union members' approval or input) to save the city $1.1 billion dollars from 2019-2021 and then $600 million per year, in perpetuity (permanently)! As part of that deal, this year city bosses and the unions are jointly forcing retirees to join a misleadingly named "Medicare Advantage" plan instead of their previous healthcare plans. Medicare Advantage is a private Preferred Provider (PPO) program run by Aetna that will place limits on which doctors workers can see, forcing them to get pre-approvals, and may restrict available treatments. Lower quality healthcare plans are now forecast for next year for all active members of MLC unions.

Torch the capitalist arsons destroying the planet

Global warming causes intense wildfires and widespread Code Purple health alerts for smoke-based air pollution. The warming of the planet is the result of two centuries of capitalist production. It is caused by a rapid increase in greenhouse gasses (GHGs) in the atmosphere. These gases (mainly carbon dioxide and methane) have increased steadily since the rise of capitalism and the industrial revolution. Global capitalist development has been fueled by burning coal, oil, and natural gas to power production, consumption, and transportation. GHGs allow the sun's radiation to reach the earth, but trap the heat in the atmosphere that radiates from the ground, creating a hotter planet and disrupting previous weather patterns. It is similar to how cars get hot in the summer when the windows are rolled up.



Wildfires flourish under capitalism

Forest fires have historically been a natural process and often helpful to ecologies. Lightning strikes in forested areas often start beneficial fires. Today, however, global warming has created droughts in many places in the world, leading to some forests becoming tinder boxes rather than resilient stands of trees and brush. You've probably heard the phrase, "a single spark can start a prairie fire." That now applies forcefully to much of the planet. Now even historically wet areas, such as the Amazon rainforests, permafrost areas, and marshy peat bogs have experienced huge fires. More are expected even in the Arctic by the end of the century. MacArthur Fellow Stephen Pyne has labeled the new era of massive fires the "Pyrocene" in his 2022 book, *The Pyrocene: How We Created an Age of Fire, and What Happens Next.*

The United Nations Environment Program projected the risk of these extreme wildfires would rise 14 percent by 2030 and 30 percent by 2050. By the end of the century, that risk would increase by 50 percent.

Australia's "Black Summer" of 2020 is a harbinger of things to come. Extreme fires raged for many months, fueled by record-shattering temperatures, severe drought and fierce winds. The fires directly killed 33 and another 500 deaths were caused by inhaling smoke. That same year, the world's largest tropical wetland, the Pantanal in South America (located in Brazil, Paraguay and Bolivia) burned following severe drought and scorching weather. Nearly a third of this forest was destroyed. The wildfires in wetlands were intensified by capitalists, hungry for profit, plundering rainforests and wetlands through logging, road construction, agriculture and mining activity. Such extractive activities led to the loss of tree canopy, leading in turn to accelerated vegetative undergrowth that was then exposed to the extreme drying of global warming, and hence even more massive wildfires.

Burning forests emit vast amounts of carbon dioxide previously locked in their trunks and branches, creating a vicious feedback loop intensifying global warming. For example, about 55 million tons of carbon dioxide was emitted from Canadian wildfires in May 2023, approximately equal to 10 percent of the country's total carbon emissions for an average year.

Workers suffer, bosses profit

The direct health impacts on the working class are severe. In the United States alone, between 2006 and 2010, fewer than 500,000 people every year were exposed to a single day of extreme levels of fine-particle pollution, also known as PM2.5. Between 2016 and 2020, that number rose to over 8 million. Such small particulates lodge in the lungs much like the deadly Black Lung disease faced by coal miners, leading to difficulties breathing, lung disease, and early death. These increasingly unnatural emissions also tie in to environmental racism. Asthma ER visits in New York City during the recent Canadian wildfire smoke were the highest in low-income, majority Black and Latin neighborhoods (Gothamist, 6/12).

The multitude of problems caused by global warming including intense wildfires will deepen over time as the world's capitalists refuse to significantly reduce reliance on coal, gas, and oil to augment their fortunes. They pretend that solar panels and wind turbines can replace fossil fuels in the world economy while knowing full well that substantial fossil fuels are required even with these limited alternative fuel sources. Why such inhumane treatment of the global working class? Why burn us up and make us sick and die from deadly smoke? Because they have sunk trillions of dollars into infrastructure to extract fossil fuels, and they refuse to ever take a hit to their profits!

The whole damn capitalist system has to go!

That's why nothing short of the destruction of the capitalist system can seriously address the environmental disaster that is more evident by the day. Between war, racism, repression, and devastating climate change, the need for building a revolutionary party is ever more urgent.✪

Lesson: union misleaders & school system serve bosses

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class-collaborators. Mulgrew may brag about his 500-member negotiating committee, but the UFT's function, like that of all unions, is to make a deal it can "sell" to its members. They can have 500 or even 1000 members on the "negotiating committee" and congratulate us on our "hard work" and "activism," but the fact is, this contract is a result of backroom deals with the city, being sprung on us at the last minute and rushed to a vote during the last two weeks of the school year.

This is the role of unions under capitalism: keep the workers in line and "manage" the class struggle for the bosses, as well as push them to vote for the Big Fascists' pro-Wall St./U.S. imperialist agenda. To accomplish this, they bribe, sweet talk, deceive, manipulate, obstruct, divert, pacify, steamroll, threaten, and try to wear us out until we capitulate. But communists in PLP and many of our class sister and brother educators are saying NO!

Bosses' contracts and laws serve only the ruling class

The contract does nothing to address students' abysmal learning conditions. Mulgrew's claim that new state laws will protect smaller class sizes is a proven lie. Not only does the recently passed law allow for numerous exceptions–including lack of space, "over-enrolled" programs, a shortage of licensed teachers, and schools in "severe economic distress"–but the bosses already break their own laws whenever it suits their interests. One school's administrators recently packed 42 kids (8 more than the current law) into a PLP teacher's classes. Only when the comrade united with other teachers and fought back did the local bosses take measures to reduce the class size. Meanwhile, thousands of other NYC students are forced to remain in overcrowded classrooms.

The ruling class knows that teacher-student-parent unity could threaten to destroy them. That's why they do everything they can to sow divisions. The TA would also phase in new forms of remote work that will further isolate students, educators, and families. One change will deemphasize parent engagement time and parent-teacher conferences, potentially making them fully remote. This will make it more difficult for teachers to build meaningful relationships with families. A major expansion of virtual learning included in the contract proposal opens the door to use more online programs instead of real instruction, further decaying the quality of education for hundreds of thousands of students and contributing to the racist fast-foodification of learning, while also paving the way for larger class sizes.

Even on its face, the proposed pay "raises" do not even keep up with inflation and are actually a pay cut. Even worse, there continue to be union educators like paraprofessionals, mainly Black and Latin, who are making nowhere near enough money to survive in the city. Many of these educators are forced to take on second jobs or choose between basic needs like food and rent.

Can't get mired in dead-end reforms; fight for communist revolution!

MORE (Movement of Rank and File Educators) is one opposition caucus in the union that has raised criticisms of UFT leadership, taking a "social justice" stance that includes pro-student positions against "racial segregation" and spotlights the interests of the mostly Black and Latin paraprofessionals and other non-teaching titles that the city has already tried to outsource. Although MORE has provided some useful inside information and caught the union leadership in their duplicity (doubletalk) multiple times, their criticisms of the contract abandon their most powerful antiracist arguments.

Educators and students in Oakland launched a more pro-student mass struggle when they went on strike in May with a list of "common good" demands (see CHALLENGE, 6/21). Strikers demanded not only better pay for teachers, but also increased staffing for school nurses, librarians, and counselors, as well as school building improvements and the opening of unused school properties to unhoused and housing insecure students. While this struggle has the potential to build class consciousness, it still relies on the limitations of reform. Educators, students, and their families need MORE than that!

That's exactly the problem with fighting only for reforms. As long as we are fighting over crumbs, we will be missing the big picture: the need to unite with our students and their families to take on the whole capitalist system. Workers need STATE POWER!

As the U.S. bosses prepare for world war with China, they are pushing the working class to make even more sacrifices to preserve U.S. imperialist power. This means worsening conditions in schools, as well as pay cuts and cuts to healthcare for workers across the board. The working class has no choice but to fight for a completely new system: communism. We need a revolutionary communist party, PLP, to get there.

We communists plan to continue fighting tooth and nail alongside our students and their families, as well as struggling with our fellow educators over our revolutionary line, helping to advance the class struggle for workers' needs and build workers' unity. We need to continue to work inside groups like MORE to better mobilize workers for the many fights ahead✪

DC Metro

Steer class struggle towards communist revolution

Transit workers in Loudoun, Virginia on strike this past January.

Last issue, a Washington DC Metro transit worker, a member of Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 689 representing over 10,000 workers, shared her thoughts about building a revolutionary movement in her workplace as a communist, shop steward, and union executive board member for many years. This section concludes her story about the battle against the bosses and the union misleaders.

Communist organizing at Metro

Since the 1970s, Progressive Labor Party (PLP) members have been militant organizers in Local 689. We led a week-long wildcat strike in 1978 that closed down the entire city. The issue that motivated the strike was the bosses' refusal to pay cost-of-living raises required by the collective bargaining agreement. But the anger of the mainly Black working-class transit workers was deeper because of the abuse dealt out by management. The strike was partially successful – we got the raise! – and the Party gained respect among the other workers. Still, the effort to build a revolutionary party did not take hold among the workers.

Since then, we have won many reform battles and helped push the conversation within our union towards the left. We led fights against the criminal background check that blocked the hiring of formerly incarcerated workers. We led teach-ins and anti-war contingents in protests in DC. We organized many rallies outside of Metro headquarters around proposed cuts to our benefits, contracting out, and proposed fare increases on our riders. While these struggles have improved lives and raised class consciousness to some degree, we are still facing the same attacks we have confronted for the past 50 years.

Even when these reform efforts are successful, the bosses are always primed to take back any concessions they have made. Right now they are trying to go after our pension--after already taking back retiree health insurance for workers hired after 2010. The deepening economic crisis of capitalism means that the struggle will intensify in the coming years.

But who will lead and move our fellow workers to arevolutionary solution? Not the ATU 689 union leadership!

Failures of the union leadership and their reformism

In Loudoun County, Virginia, we struck for a better contract for commuter bus operators. We picketed for two months in the middle of winter. The union leadership relied on the County Executive to "find" funding for the transit contractor to meet our demands and end the strike. Such wishful thinking! When this "friend of labor" abandoned us, the union maneuvered to end the strike instead of "upping the ante." We communists pushed to spread the strike to other transit workers, public-school teachers, and others. But the union leadership said no. The workers on the picket line wanted to keep striking, but the union leadership insisted that a "suspension" of the strike was the best strategy. PLP Metro members were unable to counter that losing strategy and workers went back to work without a contract, losing the strike.

Similarly, our union led a strike in Prince George's County, Maryland against a contractor operating the paratransit service. The workers struck for two weeks, at the end of which they got a subpar contract. Many workers wanted to continue the strike, but at the union leadership's urging, voted to accept the contract. The contract was somewhat better than it would have been without a strike but was still not a real improvement to the quality of life for those workers. As communists on the picket line, we tried but were not able to win the majority of workers to continue the strike in the face of the union leadership's opposition. This, despite the agreement of most workers that much more was needed in the contract to keep up with inflation and secure enough benefits to be able to retire.

Gaslit by the KKK-Metro management team-up

Workers often look beyond basic bread and butter contract issues. Seven years ago, the KKK planned to hold a demonstration in downtown DC. The Klan members planned to take a special Metro train from Virginia into the city for their rally. We held an emergency meeting at the union hall to decide how to stop these racists. In an electric atmosphere, train operators declared that we should shut down the train in the middle of the tunnel. Others said to have a sick out to prevent any operator from being forced to drive the train. The General Manager (GM) of Metro – the top boss -- said that the Metro system would not provide a train for the racists and the union leadership believed him! Since when do we believe the lying bosses? The KKK boarded a boss-provided

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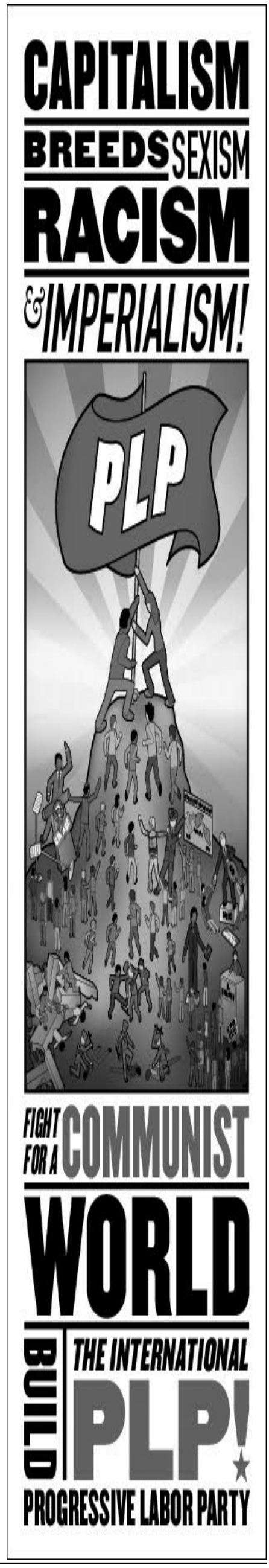

LETTERS

We encourage all CHALLENGE readers to send in letters and articles about their experiences fighting the bosses worldwide.

Contract pushers out themselves as anti-worker

When all the union chapters under one high school campus united to discuss the new proposed contract (see page 3), my naive self didn't expect the union leaders to attack rank-and-file workers for merely raising concerns. I also didn't expect so much dissent, which goes to show how we should never underestimate the working class.

Every rank-and-file member who spoke raised a reasonable concern: no livable wages for paraprofessionals, inflation, cuts to healthcare, privatization, and more.

One of the union heads who is also part of the NYC Central Labor Council showed up to defend the contract and later apologized "if I sound defensive." The district leader kept interrupting and began shaming workers who are vocal for "not being active." I told him to stop blaming the victim. The contract pushers and their bedpartner politicans are not our friends!

When given room, people reveal themselves. The union leadership's contract was correctly critcized for, in the words of many education workers, "throwing us crumbs," being "threatened, pressured, and rushed" to sign "without knowing our healthcare details' "and being a "business union" instead of a "social justice union." The misleadership had to listen when I finally got the chance to speak uninterrupted:

> *Many of us have said the union should be representing us workers but they sound more like another managerial boss who just wants to keep us in line…I agree with my co-worker here who said, 'we don't need another boss.' If the richest city in the richest country can't meet the needs of the U.S.'s largest education system, this just further exposes how absolutely hollow the union leadership is and how none of these capitalist institutions can meet our basic basic needs.*
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> *Listen, we are not dumb…when a pay cut is being sold as a wage increase, that's an insult to our labor. But more importantly, what about students and parents? That's who we are here for. Where are the 'social justice' and 'common good' demands? The remote option [that you are lauding] is an assembly line model to funnel kids out of the system as fast as possible.*
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> *What we really need is more support for the influx of refugee students, resources to meet special needs of all students, fighting the push-out of Black and Latin students, the de facto segregation of schools, smaller class sizes and bigger mental support services, and a living wage for paraprofessionals. Otherwise, this is a racist contract. I'm not even saying anything radical yet. This is the bare minimum.*
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> *You keep saying 'that's the way it is,' and expect us to just take it. What we are all saying is 'the way it is isn't working for us."*

In the heat of the moment, I didn't think to end with, "a racist system that can't meet students' and workers' needs does not deserve to exist.

Many education workers—some from the other schools—approached me later to thank me for "speaking up." When we are isolated, it's easy to think "maybe it's just me."

But when we unite, the truth is undeniable. And that's why the union misleaders kept interrupting and getting defensive—they are threatened by just the potential of a united working class that realizes their power.

If the UFT misleaders are threatened by just a few questions, imagine their shock when we organize for real. Imagine the might of family-worker-student unity.

The next day, I distributed the Progressive Labor Party flyer against the contract and invited some to a communist fundraiser. The brouhaha of the meeting became a conversation starter with many other co-workers.

When we speak up, it invites the passive antiracists to also speak up and build working-class unity. There is usually more support for pro-communist ideas than we give our class credit for. Having confidence in our people—parents, students, workers—to act in the interest of our class is key. Whether or not the contract passes, this fledgling group of education workers are learning what it means to serve the working class. It means to unite our class, fight back, expose the phonies and enemies, and build a better world.

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For Oscar, prove power of our class

This latest Juneteenth, workers are still fighting the fascist bosses over the racist capture and deportation of our class brothers and sisters across state borders. Monday June 19th, I went to a rally hosted by the Cosecha Movement encouraging workers and youth to challenge the deportation of Oscar. He was snatched by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) after he was accidentally driven across the Canadian border while on the road for work.

As I stood in the crowd, one of the organizers struggled with me to speak. I empathize with the pain of Oscar's family and shared the following:

For those of us who have attained a legal status, many can understand, though it is difficult to fight for, that papers will not protect us from the growing wars and fascism of the bosses. Deportations are symptoms of it…Organizing for a longtime, many have developed a cynicism of why call on the liberal politicians to tell them…, "If you are good Democrats show us." That prevents some of us from building the type of fightback that Oscar and his family need…though we understand that the only thing that will stop the bosses' growing war and fascism is to take the bosses' power over their states. But that is something that takes millions of workers.

Every time we launch fightbacks [such as those] against deportation it reveals tools to build that…By getting our loved ones together to challenge the politicians we can also struggle to win them to see that what is primarily protecting Oscar is not the power of the Democratic liberal politicians [or prayer]. It's not that they're doing us a favor, it's not that if they stop the deportation it means we can support them, that we can have confidence in them, that they are not as bad as other Democrats or Republicans. Instead what we can prove is the power of our class. So that in the future we can better respond to [broader attacks needed in preparation for their wars]…

On that basis we will rip state power from the hands of the bosses. That will take…time. We can begin today by leaving this demonstration…and mobilizing those around us. Much gratitude to Oscar's family who dared to fight back and opened the struggle to the rest of us.

Workers are being won to recognize our power as a multiracial class. Seeing this as the only force able to stop both liberal and openly fascist bosses' from using their state to enact the material racist differential treatment embodied in such attacks as the increasing quotas of deportation. So too, can workers be won to see that it is that same class conscious power and level of organization that will make common workers' seizure of state power through communist revolution inevitable.

We must fight our cynicism and depression through this historical period of dark night to join these fights that will accelerate workers' confidence over these communist ideas more sharply.

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Racist ideas are deadly

The inspiring report on fighting biologic racism reported in the last issue of CHALLENGE was an excellent example of how serious collective work over years can win an important reform while developing the understanding of the need for revolution among our co-workers. The article makes a point about how structural racism in the U.S., built over centuries from the time of slavery, also hurts white workers.

Come to think of it, it's no coincidence that the one rich capitalist country without universal health care today is the U.S. Obviously this hurts white workers and Black workers alike. The economic foundation laid in England's North American colonies in the 1600s and 1700s was wealth extracted from the unpaid labor of kidnapped Africans brought to these shores. In 1776 those colonies, with their extensive set of racist ideas, customs and laws, became the United States of America. Racial divisions seen in the U.S. today date from that special history. No wonder despite a desperate need for a system of universal medical care, the population in the U.S. can't develop sufficient unity across "race" lines to demand it. Racism truly hurts all workers, even though the worst abuse is reserved for Black workers.

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Murder by imperialism: refugee boat sinks

Migrants fleeing wars, starvation and climate change disasters attempt life threatening journeys from crossing the Mediterranean Sea to walking thousands of miles to reach the Mexico/U.S. border. On Wednesday, June 14 up to 750 migrants (Reuters), including many women and as many as 100 children, were locked in a hold below deck, when the overloaded boat sank in deep waters 50 miles from the Greek shore. The boat had left Libya bound for Italy. On Tuesday and Wednesday they reported distress but no rescue operation was launched. 104 men were finally rescued, including from Egypt, Syria, Pakistan and Palestine. 78 men were reported dead and ALL the others missing, one of the worst drownings in the Mediterranean in recent years! Protests erupted across Greece on Wednesday and Thursday as thousands took to the streets against the horrific deaths and the failure of the Greek government to respond to the distress signals (Al Jazeera). We in the Progressive Labor Party are outraged. Workers of the world must unite to fight back. Protesters in Greece lead the way! Join the long term struggle for communist revolution to free our class from racist genocide.

GLOSSARY:

COMMUNIST TERMS

Fascism

Capitalism's response to a crisis of their system, when the bosses can no longer sustain the charade of liberal democracy and resort to more direct control and state terror instead. Fascism is marked by the ruling capitalists disciplining their own ranks to serve the urgent needs of the capitalist state and weather the crisis. To defend their system from internal and external threats, they use all the means available in their state apparatus, including violence. To build unity within their class and loyalty from workers, they rely on nationalist politics and calls for sacrifice. Their strategy is to mislead the working class to kill our working class sisters and brothers in the next inter-imperialist war.

Big Fascists

The Big Fascists are the dominant finance capitalist faction of the U.S. ruling class. They represent the wealthiest and most powerful bosses in the U.S., including multinational banks like Chase and Citibank, multinational oil companies like ExxonMobil, the big automakers, Boeing, Amazon, and the major media companies. As the dominant grouping since World War II, the Big Fascists were the architects of the liberal world order with the U.S. bosses on top. Their dominance rests on U.S. financial and military power and its strategic control of the Middle East and the flow of oil to Europe, Asia, and Africa. To sustain this dominance, they need to rebuild a huge, multiracial military for inter-imperialist war, most likely with China.

Small Fascists

The Small Fascists are a group of domestically oriented U.S. capitalists who are challenging the Big Fascists over the direction of U.S. imperialism. Since their interests are less tied to controlling the flow of oil, they are against heavy taxation to keep troops in the Middle East and in general oppose costly military bases and invasions. They're willing to rely on a smaller, whiter army, backed by nuclear weapons and the Air Force. They use open racism to build a political following.

Smashing racism is a pillar of communism

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workers and youth in Baltimore who are outraged by the cops' murder of Freddie Gray.

More recently, PL'ers have taken to the streets—before, during, and after the Covid-19 pandemic—from Brooklyn to Chicago to Los Angeles to protest the police murders of Black women, men, and youth by racist cops.

Anti-Racism on the Shop Floor

PLP has consistently raised the issue of racism among organized workers to unite them against the bosses' racist attacks.

In 1973, when a New York City Police Department undercover cop shot a Black 10-year-old in the back in Queens, a PLP club at the Ford auto plant in Mahwah, New Jersey, brought the atrocity onto the factory assembly line. Our Party petitioned the do-nothing union local leadership to take a public stance and demand that the cop be indicted for murder. The workers' response was electric. They were galvanized into action during a contract struggle that previously had been limited to economic issues. Their heightened political consciousness and militancy led to a weeklong wildcat strike against 100-degree temperatures in the plant, which in turn set the tone for the Chrysler Mack Avenue sit-down strike two months later (see CHALLENGE, May 6).

Beginning in the 1980's, PLP has provided antiracist leadership to 6,000 Washington, DC Metro transit workers. At one point, the local's overwhelmingly Black membership elected a white PL'er as their president, defeating a passive Black incumbent. As Metro bosses exclude people convicted of crimes by the rulers' criminal injustice system, they close one of the few avenues for many Black workers to obtain a decent-paying job. PLP has demanded that the union oppose racist background checks. Many workers have been won to our Party in this antiracist fight.

Fighting Racism Internationally

PLP is still small but mighty and connected across the U.S., Latin America, South Asia, and East Africa.

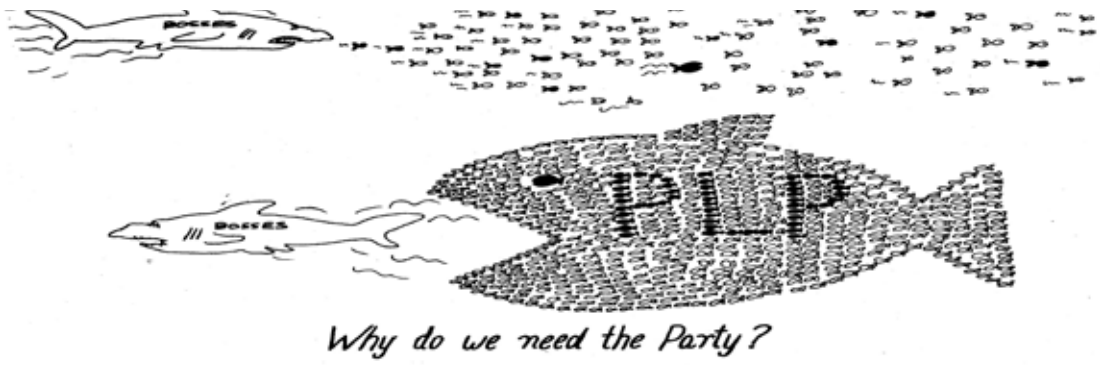
Ever since the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, with tens of thousands still living in tents, we have spread the struggle against U.S. imperialism and racism, which have enslaved workers there for two centuries. We continue

In Colombia, comrades are putting "Black workers are key to revolution" into practice by organizing among Black workers and fighting against imperialism.

In Israel-Palestine, PL'ers exposed and fought the intense racism of the Israeli bosses (with U.S. ruling-class support) against workers from Africa and Palestine, who are victims of super-exploitation. We are also organizing workers against the Israeli rulers' mass evictions of villages inhabited by Palestinians.

In Pakistan, PL'ers are mobilizing thousands of workers to fight racist super-exploitation and against floods. In the past, the bosses have slaughtered thousands in sweatshops and in Obama's drone attacks.

These are only a few highlights of PLP's long fight against racism, the ideological foundation of the profit system. The struggle against racism will prepare our class to overthrow capitalism and obliterate exploitation and divisions among workers. It is the watchword of our Party.✪



Metro workers need communist leadership behind the wheel

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Metro train and were safely taken downtown for their rally that was opposed by thousands.

These three examples show how union leaders can undermine the militancy of the working class by channeling them towards limited change and then blunting that if the struggle gets sharper. We need unions to fight collectively against the bosses, but the union is ultimately a reform organization that props up capitalism. Our union leaders spend thousands of dollars of union dues supporting politicians and nothing on building a fighting organization that can beat the bosses.

PLP grows

Based on my 12 years of organizing at Metro, I know that workers can be won to the analysis that a disciplined communist party is necessary to abolish capitalism. As a result of our Party's engagement in hundreds of struggles large and small, we have been able to swell the ranks of our Party group at Metro. The bosses have much to fear over the long run from our organizing work in the industrial working class!

While the fight for revolution seems improbable in day-to-day struggle, history shows that revolutions can be propelled forward by major crises of the capitalist system and win. Communist revolutions can change the world, abolish capitalism, and create a world of creativity, equality and collectivity that meets the needs of all workers.✪

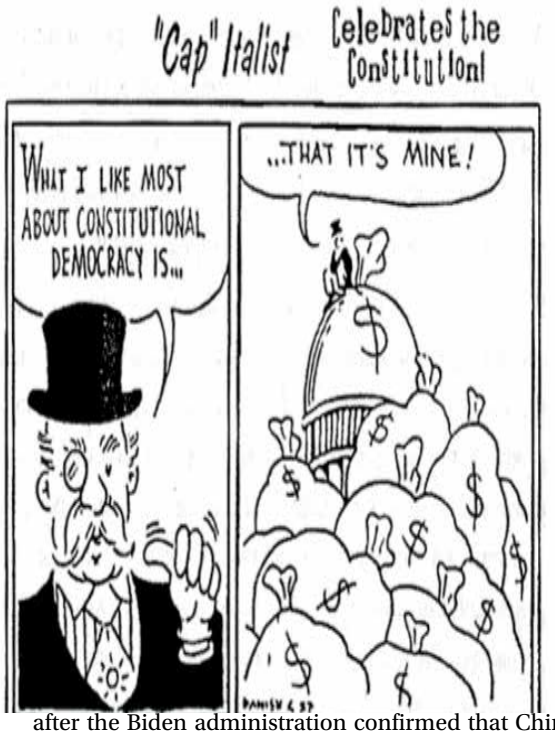
RED EYE ON THE NEWS . . .

French army prepares for coming war

Economist, 6/18–In 2021, a year before Russia invaded Ukraine, General Thierry Burkhard told The Economist that the French army had to "harden" itself and prepare for "high-intensity war", possibly on the European continent. One hypothetical adversary was Russia. Today, the former head of the army is France's top soldier, in charge of all its armed forces…For 17 days in April and May General Burkhard led a full-scale division-level exercise in eastern France, on land that the great powers fought over more than a century ago. In his office in Paris, where a print featuring Valery Zaluzhny, Ukraine's most senior general, hangs opposite a portrait of Emmanuel Macron, France's president, General Burkhard reflects on the lessons emerging from the exercise and from the war in Ukraine. "A high-intensity war is fought on a completely different scale," he says. "I probably underestimated that." During two decades of counter-insurgency in Afghanistan and the Sahel, the death of ten soldiers was a "national tragedy, and rightly so," says the general. "That is what is happening in Ukraine every half hour—for weeks on end."

China bringing South China Sea to the Gulf of Mexico

Al Jazeera, 6/20–China has been negotiating the creation of a new joint training facility on the Caribbean island nation of Cuba, creating concerns it could lead to the stationing of Chinese troops in the waters off the U.S…discussions between the two countries are in advanced stages, but had not concluded…officials from the administration of President Joe Biden have been trying to discourage their Cuban counterparts from finalising the deal. The latest report came days after the Biden administration confirmed that China has maintained surveillance operations in Cuba for years, which were upgraded in 2019.



Fair elections? Not so fast say New York Democrats

New York Times, 6/8–For generations, deep-pocketed donors have called the shots in New York State politics, leaving ordinary voters with less power and less of a voice in their government. Incumbent lawmakers are bankrolled by moneyed special interests and are routinely re-elected with little competition, and there has been no real alternative to the traditional system of big campaign contributions influencing candidates and politics. A law passed in 2019, one of the most promising New York campaign reforms in decades, was supposed to change that…But this week, in the final days of the legislative session, the Democratic lawmakers who dominate the capital are preparing to severely weaken those reforms. The changes proposed by lawmakers would protect incumbents and discourage challengers — the opposite of the program's goal…"They don't want to be primaried," said John Kaehny, the executive director of Reinvent Albany…"They know the public match will mean they will get more primary opponents, and so they're making it harder to run. It wrecks the core idea of the program, which is to make these races more competitive."

Medical supplies in short supply

BBC, 6/7–Experts say the U.S. is currently suffering one of the most severe shortages of chemotherapy drugs it's seen for three decades. As of this week, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said over 130 drugs were in short supply, 14 of which are cancer treatments…Experts say a myriad of factors have contributed to the shortages, which this time have heavily affected two front-line therapies - carboplatin and cisplatin - used to treat a host of cancers, including head and neck, gynaecologic and gastrointestinal cancers…As a result, some providers have been forced to extend the time period between patients' chemotherapy sessions, while some patients have had to drive several hours to get treatment at different cancer centres…While the medications are cheap to manufacture, pharmaceutical companies are not incentivised to do so because they don't bring in large profits, said Dr Karen Knudsen, CEO of the American Cancer Society. The drug shortage issue has also worsened as U.S. life expectancy has increased, meaning more people are becoming ill with cancer.

SMASHING RACISM IS A PILLAR OF COMMUNISM

Worldwide, the summer months have historically been a time of training for Progressive Labor Party (PLP). As we gear up for summer of learning, fightback, and recommitment to communism, it's to reflect on one of PLP's pillars from inception: the fight against racism is key to revolution. Join our international 2023 Summer Project in the NYC-NJ area from July 6 to July 12, and our Party Convention "Build the Party Under Sharpening War and Fascism" from July 14 to July 16. Contact your local PL'er for more information.

In 1964, the young Progressive Labor Movement played a lead role in the historic Harlem Rebellion, the first Blackled urban uprising of the era against police terror. On July 16, an off-duty cop, Lieutenant Thomas Gilligan, shot and murdered James Powell, a 15-yearold, 122-pound ninth-grader, in cold blood. For six consecutive nights, the anger of the Black masses boiled over in open rebellion in central Harlem and then in Bedford-Stuyvesant in Brooklyn.

The Harlem Rebellion of 1964 raised the fight against racist oppression to a new level while exposing the class treason of Black reformist leadership. After Harlem, more than 100 cities in the U.S. felt the torch of rebellion. PL's leadership in this struggle set the tone for our unceasing fight against racism:

From the 1970s to the current day, PL'ers have organized hundreds of attacks on the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazis wherever they spread their racist garbage. Rejecting the pacifist mythology that these gutter racists would fade away if ignored, we have attacked them head-on—and confronted the capitalists' cops who protect them. We have mounted these anti-racist, multiracial actions in New York City, Baltimore, Washington, DC, Detroit and St. Louis. We've done the same in smaller communities like Tupelo, Mississippi; Scotland, Connecticut; Jamesburg and Morristown, New Jersey; and scores of cities and towns in California. We invaded the Nazis' headquarters in Chicago. We beat a white supremacist leader in a Boston television interview. These militant anti-KKK/Nazi actions have involved an estimated 100,000 or more workers and youth.

On May Day, 1975, we mobilized 2,500 anti-racists in Boston to march against the segregationist, terrorist organization called ROAR (Restore Our Alienated Rights, accurately nicknamed Racists On A Rampage). When they physically attacked us, we routed them. We subsequently organized a summer project to combat ROAR's mob violence and its anti-busing racism. We integrated formerly all-white beaches, held anti-racist summer schools for Black children, and rallied to escort Black children into their first day of integrating formerly all-white schools. Our efforts smashed ROAR.

On May Day, 1976, we marched into Chicago's Marquette Park, where Nazis had barred Black people. We integrated that neighborhood.

Simultaneously, PLP exposed academic charlatans — like E.O. Wilson, Richard Herrnstein, and Arthur Jensen — who spewed racist filth about the "inferiority" of Black workers and the Nazi fantasy that unemployment was inherited in their genes. We mobilized demonstrations wherever these racists appeared, chased them off auditorium stages, and even poured a pitcher of water over Wilson's head in the middle of a lecture. (Our member called out, "Wilson, you're all wet!") PL's position was clear and uncompromising: No free speech for racists.

Throughout this period, PLP helped organize the International Committee Against Racism (InCAR), a mass anti-racist, multiracial group that led many of these struggles.

In Southern California, our Party has organized against the anti-immigrant Minute Men. We have gone to border towns to fight racist attacks on immigrant workers from Mexico, rallying support from citizen workers around the slogan, "Smash All Borders!"

In 2015, PLP advanced the protest against the cops' murder of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. We raised our slogan — "Fight Like Ferguson!" — among thousands across the country. Our Party was building a movement for rebellion against racist police terror, not pacifist appeals to ruling-class officials from then-president Barack Obama's Justice Department on down. We were doing the same in solidarity with

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